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MEMORANDUM FOR: Executive Officer, Office of Logistics

SUBJECT : Vital Records Program

REFERENCE : Multiple Adse Memo dtd 11 Apr 74 fr
EO/OL, same subject

1. During any emergency requiring deployment of relocation cadres. The Agency will be concerned with carrying out only those functions considered essential and with reconstitution measures in event of a large scale loss of human and material resources. In anticipation of possible reconstitution requirements, the line-of-succession officials have been assigned to the three emergency relocation cadres on a numerically even basis with a mix to assure proper managerial expertise in each case. It has been determined by the DCI Administrative Officer and the Director, CIA Watch Office that the DCI should review Agency emergency plans and make a fresh determination as to essential functions. Once this has been accomplished, the cadre personnel mix can be changed to reflect the expertise needed.

2. As additional background, we must take the view that in event of an all out nuclear attack, deployment of the emergency cadres (two 40-man and one 16-man cadres) will not leave the Agency in a position to entertain business as usual, nor will it be able to cope with the responsibilities inherent in the "fourth force" concept of operations. On the other hand, for a limited attack (military targets only), it is safe to presume that the Command Relationships Agreement (CRA) the Agency has with the Department of Defense would be invoked and we would operate under the National Military Command System (NMCS) with most assets intact. This is a hazy area as the latest planning on this contingency dates back to May 1966. There would be some shifting of priorities, but I do not think it likely the Agency would be heavily engaged in or require support for unconventional warfare.

3. I have deleted those materials concerning clandestine services with the exception of the [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] papers as these are items with which OL is properly concerned. I have also deleted the military

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manuals and planning guides from our list as being more appropriate to the activities and needs of the operating divisions. Added to the list (Attachment) are vital records applicable to the Agency Emergency Coordinator functions.


Chief, Plans & Programs Staff, OL

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